

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 1

BY:

Beckley

1 Amend C.S.S.B. 7 (substituted version) by inserting the following
2 appropriately numbered SECTION in the appropriate ARTICLE:

3 SECTION 1. Sections 43.007(c) and (d), Election Code, are amended
4 to read as follows:

5 (c) In conducting the program, the secretary of state shall
6 provide for an audit of the voting system equipment [~~direct~~
7 ~~recording electronic voting units~~] before and after the election,
8 and during the election to the extent such an audit is practicable.

9 (d) The secretary of state shall select to participate in
10 the program each county that:

11 (1) has held a public hearing under Subsection (b);

12 (2) has submitted documentation listing the steps taken
13 to solicit input on participating in the program by
14 organizations or persons who represent the interests of
15 voters;

16 (3) has implemented a computerized voter registration
17 list that allows an election officer at the polling place to
18 verify that a voter has not previously voted in the election;

19 (4) uses direct recording electronic voting machines,
20 ballot marking devices, or hand-marked scannable paper
21 ballots that are printed and scanned at the polling place or
22 any other type of voting system equipment that the secretary
23 of state determines is capable of processing votes for each
24 type of ballot to be voted in the county; and

25 (5) is determined by the secretary of state to have the
26 appropriate technological capabilities.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 2

BY: Beckley ~~González of Dallas~~

Amend S.B. No. 7 (substituted version) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to ARTICLE 2 of the bill and renumbering the subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION 2.__. Subchapter A, Chapter 13, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 13.009 to read as follows:

Sec.13.009. ELECTRONIC VOTER REGISTRATION.

(a) The secretary of state shall, in coordination with the Department of Public Safety, implement a program to allow a person with an unexpired driver 's license or personal identification card issued in this state to complete a voter registration application over the Internet from a secure Internet website.

(b)The Internet website established under this section must allow a person to submit:

(1)an initial application for registration; and

(2)an application to update a voter registration record.

(c)When a person submits an application under this section, the secretary of state shall compare the information provided by the applicant against Department of Public Safety records.

(d)The completed online application and information from the Department of Public Safety, including the applicant 's digital signature, shall be provided to:

(1)the county voter registration office for the county where the applicant currently resides; and

(2)the secretary of state for the statewide computerized voter registration list under Section 18.061.

(e)An application electronically submitted under this section is considered for all purposes as an application submitted by mail under this title. A digital signature given as provided by secretary of state rule meets the signature requirement under Section 13.002(b).

(f)The secretary of state shall adopt rules as necessary to implement this section.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 3

BY: Bucy

Amend S.B. No. 7 (substituted version) on page 3 as follows:

(1) Strike lines 27 and substitute the following:

"(g) Except as permitted by this code and described by Sec.
33.062 a presiding judge may not:"

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 4

BY: Buy

Amend S.B. No. 7 (substituted version) as follows:

- (1) On page 17, line 27, between "if" and "the", insert "with an intent to deceive and with knowledge of the statement's meaning".

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 5

BY: Fierro

1 Amend C.S.S.B. 7 (substituted version) in ARTICLE III by
2 substituting the following appropriately numbered SECTION:
3 Sec. 33.062. REMOVAL OF WATCHER FROM POLLING PLACE. The presiding
4 judge may remove a watcher from a polling place only if the watcher
5 engages in activity that would constitute an offense related to
6 the conduct of the election, including an offense under Chapter
7 276. Such activity may include, but is not limited to, any attempt
8 to influence the independent exercise of the vote of another in
9 the presence of the ballot or during the voting process.

1 Amend C.S.S.B. 7 (substituted version) in ARTICLE III by
2 substituting the following appropriately numbered SECTION:

3 Sec. 276.014. PAID VOTE HARVESTING. (a) In this section:

4 (1) "Benefit" means anything reasonably regarded as a gain or
5 advantage, including:

6 (A) a promise or offer of employment, a political favor,
7 or a favorable discretionary official act; and

8 (B) a benefit to any other person in whose welfare the
9 beneficiary has an interest.

10 (2) "Vote harvesting services" means ~~direct interaction with~~
11 ~~one or more voters in connection with an official ballot,~~
12 ~~a ballot voted by mail, or an application for ballot by~~
13 ~~mail, intended to deliver votes for a specific candidate~~
14 ~~or measure.~~ knowingly collecting or possessing a ballot
15 voted by mail or official carrier envelope from a voter
16 without the voter's consent.

17 (b) A person commits an offense if the person, directly or
18 through a third party, knowingly provides or offers to provide
19 vote harvesting services in exchange for compensation or other
20 benefit.

21 (c) A person commits an offense if the person, directly or
22 through a third party, knowingly provides or offers to provide
23 compensation or other benefit to a person in exchange for vote
24 harvesting services.

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26 ~~(d) A person commits an offense if the person knowingly collects~~
27 ~~or possesses a ballot voted by mail or official carrier envelope~~
28 ~~from a voter in connection with vote harvesting services~~ This
29 section does not apply to the collection or possession of a ballot

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 7

BY: González of Dallas

1 Amend S.B. 7 (substituted version) by adding the following
2 appropriately numbered SECTION to ARTICLE 7 of the bill and
3 renumbering the subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

4 SECTION 7.__. (a) The secretary of state shall conduct a study
5 to evaluate the impact of the provisions of this Act creating
6 criminal offenses or increasing criminal penalties, including an
7 impact analysis of those provisions on different racial and ethnic
8 groups.

9 (b) Not later than January 1, 2023, the secretary of state
10 shall prepare and submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor,
11 the attorney general, the United States Department of Justice, the
12 speaker of the house of representatives, and each standing
13 committee of the senate and house of representatives having primary
14 jurisdiction over elections a written report on the results of the
15 study and any recommendation for legislative or other action.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 8

BY: González of Dallas

Amend s.B. No. 7 (substituted version) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to ARTICLE 2 of the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of that ARTICLE accordingly:

SECTION 2.____. Sections 84.001(b) and (d), Election Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) An application must be in writing and signed by the applicant. Except as provided by Section 84.0091, an [An] electronic signature is not permitted.

(d) An application must be submitted [~~by mail~~] to the early voting clerk for the election who serves the election precinct of the applicant's residence.

SECTION 2.____. Section 84.007(a), Election Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Except as provided by Sections 84.008, [~~and~~] 84.009, and 84.0091, an application for a ballot to be voted by mail must be submitted as provided by this section.

SECTION 2.____. Subchapter A, Chapter 84, Election Code, is amended by adding Section 84.0091 to read as follows:

Sec. 84.0091. SUBMITTING APPLICATION FOR BALLOT VOTED BY MAIL: ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION. The secretary of state shall implement a program to allow a person to complete an application for an early voting ballot by mail over the Internet from the official website of this state. The program must:

(1) permit an applicant to electronically sign the application;

(2) deliver a completed application to the early voting clerk for the election who serves the election precinct of the applicant's residence; and

(3) permit an applicant to check the status of the applicant's application.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 9

BY: González of Dallas

Amend S.B. No. 7 (substituted version) on page 22, between lines 16 and 17, by inserting the following appropriately numbered SECTION and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS appropriately:

SECTION _____. Chapter 273, Election Code, is amended by adding Subchapter F to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER F. REPORT OF INVESTIGATIONS AND PROSECUTIONS

Sec. 273.101. REPORT OF INVESTIGATIONS AND PROSECUTIONS.

(a) The attorney general shall record, for each investigation or prosecution under Subchapter A or B, the following information:

- (1) the race of the investigated person;
- (2) the age of the investigated person;
- (3) the gender of the investigated person;
- (4) the month the complaint alleging criminal conduct was made;
- (5) the county in which the complaint alleging criminal conduct was made; and
- (6) the source of the complaint alleging criminal conduct.

(b) Not later than January 1 of each year, the attorney general shall prepare and submit a report containing the data under Subsection (a) to:

- (1) the governor;
- (2) the lieutenant governor;
- (3) the speaker of the house;
- (4) the members of the committee of the house of

representatives with primary jurisdiction over elections; and

(5) the principal deputy assistant attorney general for
the Civil Rights Division of the United States Department of
Justice.